

Cornerstone Academy of Eastside Praise

Philosophy

The God-given ministry of our Christian school is to train our young people for the future through Christian teaching, experiential unit studies, and traditional core academics. We strive to provide our students with an affordable, well-rounded education utilizing a variety of educational approaches in an atmosphere of warmth, safety, respect, and encouragement.

Programs Offered

Half Day Kindergarten 4 Year Old Program

- Students must turn 4 years old by October 1st, 2012

Full Day Kindergarten 5 Year Old Program

- Students must turn 5 years old by October 1st, 2012

Full-Time Elementary, Middle School, and High School Programs

- Grades 1st through 11th (an additional grade will be added each consecutive year through grade 12)
- Students must turn 6 years old by October 1st, 2012 and have successfully completed an Academic Kindergarten Program
- Transfer students will need to provide school records for grade placement. An entrance exam may be given. School references may be requested.

Homeschool Extension Program

- Grades 1st through 8th
- Students must turn 6 years old by October 1st, 2012

Hours of Operation

Kindergarten 4 Year Old Program

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - Arrival 9:00am
Dismissal 2:45pm

Full-Time Program - Kindergarten 5 Year Old through 11th Grade

Monday-Friday - Arrival 8:50am
Dismissal 3:10pm

Homeschool Extension Program – 1st through 8th Grade

Friday Only- Arrival 10:30am
Dismissal 2:45pm

*“..built on a foundation with Christ Jesus Himself, as the chief Cornerstone.”
Ephesians 2:20*

Kindergarten - 4 Year Old and 5 Year Old Program

The goal of both our Kindergarten 4 Year Old and Kindergarten 5 Year Old Programs (K4 and K5) is to begin to lay the groundwork for important academic skills while allowing the child to learn and to grow in a positive, fun-filled, encouraging atmosphere. Class size is small to allow the teacher to better meet the needs of the students. The daily schedule is a mix of traditional learning coupled with activities, projects, and learning centers. Physical activity, music and movement, arts and crafts, library/story time, and readiness activities help to round out their week.

An important part of the both the K4 and K5 programs are building a strong foundation in phonics, reading, numbers, and penmanship. The A Beka curriculum is a traditional, Christian program utilizing the “building block” approach. Delightful activities, songs, stories, and play engage the child as he learns the beginning tools for reading, math, and writing. Fun thematic units are often added to help tie in phonics and numbers to every day life.

We partner with our parents in helping the students to build a strong foundation in Christ. At this age, a special emphasis is placed on character building and helping the children apply God’s word to their every day life. The goal is to “weave” God’s word in to all areas of study, work, and play.

The Five in a Row Literature Based Unit Study is the second component for our K4 Program. It introduces children to many great pieces of literature and serves as a scope and sequence for a wide variety of Science/Health, Social Studies/History, and Art topics. The students also participate in a variety of theme related studies throughout the year. This approach captures a child’s interest and helps to create a natural love of learning about the world around him.

In K5, the A Beka God’s World Science curriculum helps to introduce important beginning science concepts. The curriculum serves as a guide coupled with hands-on activities to bring the topics to life. Tapping in to the child’s natural curiosity, the student will become a young scientist as he discovers God’s wonderful design for the world around him. Topics include, but are not limited to, the following: God’s Plan for Me, the senses, weather, seasons, seeds and plants, animals, and the seashore.

The A Beka Social Studies curriculum is also utilized in K5 to serve as a springboard as the class takes an amazing journey around the world. They’ll begin their study learning about the city in which they live and our great country of America. Then, they will branch out to discover new lands and different cultures from around the globe. Additional activities and great children’s literature are brought in to enhance the study, to teach concepts, and to allow the child to sparkle with creativity.

**“INSTILLING IN A CHILD A LOVE FOR LEARNING THAT
WILL LAST A LIFETIME”**

Full-Time Program Course of Study – Grades 1-8

Our Full-Time Academic Program is designed to provide a variety of educational approaches throughout the week. We strive to build a strong academic foundation allowing each child to better reach his God given potential. A student's week is filled with a set of traditional core classes, as well as, several specialized classes which include an array of hands-on projects, and cooperative group activities. Each area is carefully selected to provide the student with "the best of the best" through a well-rounded week of study. This type of an academic program is unique to our school. The mixture of traditional and experiential approaches allows every child a chance to experience success.

We believe that the best way for a student to learn science, history, computers, art, and many electives is through experiencing the topics and applying them to every day life. Therefore, an experiential approach is taken throughout these classes giving the student an opportunity to be an active participant in the learning process. Teachers guide the student through an educational journey filled with memorable experiences that help to solidify the understanding of concepts. The scope and sequence for each unit of study is customized utilizing a variety of educational resources from publishers who are dedicated to excellence in education. Among them are: Answers in Genesis, Apologia, Abeka, All American History, Story of the World, Beautiful Feet History, Veritas Press, Diana Waring, Mystery of History, and other various unit study resources.

A more traditional approach to learning is taken with our language arts and math "core" areas utilizing the A Beka Book curriculum. This gives a child a "road map" for success, and helps to build a strong framework of important concepts. We have found that the A Beka Book materials are grounded in practical aspects that keep learning lively, interesting, and challenging giving students a firm foundation in which to build upon year after year. Small classes also help us to better meet the needs of the students.

Overview – Unit Study Classes

Our specialized classes are full of real life application, as well as, hands-on projects and cooperative group activities to bring learning to life. Students will participate in the following classes throughout the week: (Specific schedules and grade groupings TBA.)

- **Science (Lower Primary Grades) – Magic School Bus Science Part I:** Discover the "WAHOO" in Science! This popular literature and animated series comes to life in the classroom! Join us as we embark on fantastic field trips right in our own classroom! Mrs. Frizzles' wild learning adventures with her students are the perfect springboard for a vast array of science topics. This two year study will give the students a wonderful overview of the scientific world covering topics about plants, animals, chemistry, physics, the earth, weather, astronomy, water, and the human body. Use your imagination, ask questions, and investigate! (Please note that Magic School Bus Science I and II do not need to be taken in order.)

- **Science (Middle and Upper Grades) – God’s Design for Chemistry and Ecology:** “Since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made....Romans 1:18.” Our Creator laid the perfect framework for studying science. Key scientific concepts will be covered involving ecology, properties of matter, and properties of atoms and molecules.
- ***Across America/American Geography (Primary and Middle Grades):*** Join us on an exciting expedition as we travel across our continent! History is about real people and places. Understanding American geography helps us to gain a better understanding of the history of our great nation. Discover the individual “personalities” of our states, brush up on your state capitols, and marvel at the incredible wonders and landmarks found in our own backyard.
- **GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS (UPPER GRADES/FIRST SEMESTER):** Once every four years, our nation engages in one of the most important debates that a democracy holds – The Presidential Election. As the students watch the events unfold around them, they will bring their study to life in the classroom through their own mock campaign. We will also go on a classroom journey of our nation’s capital as they learn about the variety of governmental roles and the people who make up our democratic system. Students will see the leadership, checks and balances, and the intricate detail that this system entails.
- **AMERICAN HISTORY 1920’S-PRESENT DAY (UPPER GRADES/SECOND SEMESTER)** – Each decade in American History seems to have its own unique set of characteristics. Music, Art, Fashion, Literature, Sports, Politics, Economics, Entertainment, and Technology have all been influenced by the events that have occurred. Travel back in history and experience the “changes through time” and meet the people who helped to shape our nation in to the country it is today.
- **Spanish (All Grades):** Hola Amigo! Come join us on an adventure across the globe as we learn the beginnings of this foreign language. Through role play, games, and a variety of classroom activities, we’ll focus on practical application and every day tools of communication. Along our journey, we’ll also take the time to learn more about Spanish culture, customs, and cuisine in countries across the globe.
- **Computers and Technology (All Grades):** Through step by step lessons, and information brought in from across the curriculum, students will utilize our computer lab to become acquainted with the tools and features of various software. “Real world application” is the emphasis as students participate in a wide range of activities using Microsoft Windows, Word, Power Point, Excel, and more. A special emphasis will be placed on mastering important keyboarding skills and utilizing computers to assist with the writing process. (Activities and content varies according to grade level.)

- **Art Adventures (All Grades):** Open a diverse new world of artistic expression as our students create awe inspiring masterpieces of color, design, pattern, and texture! Art is the universal language of expression where children can springboard new ideas of their own, and create with their heart and hands. Celebrate your child's most artistic tool...his imagination!
- **Physical Education (All Grades):** P.E. is incorporated in to a student's educational week to promote physical growth, development, health, and maintenance through activities that develop strength, vigor, vitality, skill, and coordination. A variety of group games and activities will be included which promote both teamwork and a healthier lifestyle.
- **Elective (Kindergarten, Lower, and Middle Grades) – Choral Music Arts:** Students will participate in a class full of toe tapping beats! Basic musical concepts, as well as, various musical styles and theory will be introduced as the students sing with glee and participate in this wonderful form of expression.
- **DRAMA AND THEATER:** Lights! Camera! Action! Students train, rehearse, build characters, perform, and learn many aspects of theater in this ultimate form of expression and fun! (For those middle and upper level students who are interested, this class will be offered as an after school elective.)

Weekly Overview - Core Classes

The core academic areas are taught utilizing a more traditional “building block” approach to learning. Teachers incorporate the main text, as well as, a variety of other resources, when applicable, to enrich the content of each course.

- **ARITHMETIC** – Mathematics is the language that God used in His creation of the universe. Therefore, it is orderly, logical, and very practical in daily life. Cornerstone utilizes the A Beka curriculum to teach the “building block” area of mathematics. This traditional approach includes the basic skills that a student will need throughout his life. It lays a firm foundation of mathematical knowledge, as well as, reasoning and logic. Continual repetition, colorful text, clear explanations, and a step by step progression, help to create a firm foundation of understanding.
- **Bible and Character Building-** Our students belong to families who participate in worship and Bible training at home and at church. Cornerstone provides a context in which students can delve deeper into the foundation of their faith through character building devotions, prayer, Chapel, and Bible lessons. Utilizing the Faith Weaver Program, we strive to teach a child how to apply God's word and to live his faith on a daily basis. God's word is an integral part of all of our studies, and is woven in to all academic areas of study throughout the week.

- **Language Arts** - God gave us our powers of thought and language, and chose to reveal His will and His ways to us in written form, the Bible. We need to pay particular attention to the teaching of grammar, spelling, vocabulary, composition, writing, reading, and literature as we seek to educate students from a Christian perspective. The A Beka language arts program emphasizes structure, rules, analysis, and practice. A strong emphasis is placed on phonics to lay the groundwork for other areas of study. Scripture and great literature are interwoven as we aspire to improve a child's ability to read, write, and to communicate.

Homework, Testing, and Grading

Our goal is to have a productive school day allowing a child to go home in the afternoon to enjoy time with his family and friends. Teachers do their best to keep homework to a minimum. However, there are times when unfinished work from the day will need to be completed at home and brought back to class the next day. This allows a teacher to continue with building block concepts making sure a child has a strong foundation before moving on. It also allows a child to have an opportunity to practice and reinforce important skills that were covered throughout a particular school day. When a child comes home with an assignment, it is an important part of their child's learning process and is not "busy work."

Tests and quizzes are given on an as needed basis to help chart a child's progress and mastery throughout the school year. All tests are announced giving a child ample time to prepare and review. Studying for various tests and quizzes will need to be completed at home. Teachers will do their best to provide review and practice opportunities in class when applicable.

Academic grades are taken primarily from tests, quizzes, class projects, and participation. Student Progress Reports are given to the parents quarterly throughout the school year. Parent-Teacher conferences to discuss a child's progress are scheduled on an as needed basis. Teachers do their best to keep the line of communication open with parents throughout the school year regarding the progress of each child.

- Please see the Parent Handbook for additional information regarding policies and procedures pertaining to homework, testing, and grading.

Enrollment Information

The Full-Time Program at Cornerstone Academy of Eastside Praise is currently open to students in Kindergarten (K4) through the 11th grade who are at least 4 years old as of October 1st, 2012. The Homeschool Extension Program is open to students in 1st through 8th grade who are at least 6 years old as of October 1st, 2012. All students must fill out an application and be accepted in to the program. Acceptance is based on the decision that the child is a suitable candidate for the program in which he or she is registering.

Students will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. It is our desire to reach every student. However, we recognize that some children's educational needs may go beyond the scope of our expertise. Therefore, we cannot accept children with moderate or extreme ADHD/ADD, Dyslexia, or extreme learning or behavior difficulties. Any child who has been asked to leave another school situation for reasons of misbehavior will not be accepted in to our program.

Steps for Enrollment

- 1) Obtain a Registration Packet
- 2) Fill out the forms completely and turn in necessary registration fees
- 3) Interview with the principal if requested
- 4) Full-time students may be asked to complete an entrance exam or to provide school references.

Fee and Payment Schedule

Student Application/Registration/Insurance Fee

Due with the application at the time of enrollment. This fee is non-refundable unless your child is not accepted in to the program.

Book/Material/Supply Fee

Due no later than May 1, 2012 (If you are registering after this date, this fee is due at the time of application.)

Deposit

Due no later than May 1, 2012 (If you are registering after this date, this fee is due at the time of application.) The non-refundable, non-transferable deposit holds your child's place for the school year. It is equal to 1/2 of one month's tuition for your family and is applied to the family account for May 2013 tuition.

Tuition

Payable in 10 monthly installments August 2012 through May 2013

Send Payments to: Cornerstone Academy of Eastside Praise
6300 Billtown Rd.
Louisville, KY 40229
Attn: Diann Roberts

*** Please see the Refund Policy and Parent Handbook for additional information.**

